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Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden
Maryland Park Service
Tawes State Office Building, E-3
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Hours:

Garden – Daylight Daily

Gift Shop – 9-3 Monday-Friday

Cafeteria – 7:30-3 Monday-Friday

Admission & Tours:

Free of Charge

Telephone: 410-260-8189

General Information Toll Free:

1-800-830-3974

Garden Staff:

Don Myers – Manager

Jay Myers – Horticulturist

Erika Grumbach – Naturalist

Cecilia Wright – Camp Counselor

Jeanna Ragsdale – Seasonal Gardener

Volunteer Opportunities

If you're considering some volunteer work, I hope you will think of the Tawes Garden. Its extremely small staff of two is in great need of additional volunteers.

The garden itself can use "green thumb" types to help with upkeep. A wide variety of tasks, such as planting and mulching, await those who would like to assist. Other chores, like weeding and edging beds, would also be of tremendous help. If your interests lie here or with conducting garden tours, please give Jay Myers, horticulturist, a call at (410) 260-8184.

In addition, the gift shop, which has a very loyal group of volunteers, could use a few more people interested in retail. A substitute list of shopkeepers is sought for times when the regular workers are away or ill. If you would like to help with the shop, please call Don Myers, manager, at (410) 260-8183.

The facilities and services of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are available to all without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin or physical or mental disability. This document is available in alternative format upon request from a qualified individual with a disability.

To Find Us

From US Route 50, take Rowe Boulevard (Exit 24) toward downtown Annapolis; turn right at Taylor Avenue, then left onto Sachs Drive at DNR building.

Parking:

DNR's staff parking lot-

Unrestricted access on weekends and after 3:30 p.m. during the work-week (FREE)

Limited 30 minute parking lot (FREE)

Navy Stadium lot – \$5.00/day

Public Transportation:

Annapolis Transit's Gold Route on Rowe Blvd (\$.75) or State Shuttle or Navy Blue Route (both free).

For more information call 410-263-7964 or visit www.annapolis.gov/transport

Recent Contributions

Thanks are extended to those who made contributions through June 30, 2006.

Calvary Center
Chesapeake Garden Club
Naval Academy Garden Club

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McKewen
(in memory of Robert Pierce)

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Myers
(in memory of Lillie R. Myers)

Those wishing to make a tax-deductible donation should make the check to: *Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.* and mail to P.O. Box 5907, Annapolis, MD 21403



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Volunteers Reach Milestone of 20,000 Hours

The Tawes Garden's loyal and extremely dedicated volunteers have reached a significant plateau. Their many, many hours of service now total 20,000 hours to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Many of the volunteers have logged their hours in the Tawes Garden Gift Shop. Volunteers cover approximately 75% of the shifts. The shop will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in September. See page 3 for specifics on the sale.



Volunteers gather at a recent annual luncheon.

The most noteworthy contribution has come from the volunteers who began working with DNR officials more than thirty (30) years ago when the garden was in its infancy. That group, along with the Department of General Services, was involved with planning a barrier-free garden with a "Maryland-in-Miniature" theme. They were also the ones who asked permission to use Mrs. Tawes' name for the garden. For many years named the Tawes Garden Advisory Board, the group is now known as Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.

Other volunteers have helped in various ways, such as assisting with gardening or programming, and serving as tour guides or counselors-in-training for the Natural Resources Club summer day camp.

The 14th annual volunteer recognition luncheon will be held in the fall. As always, volunteers will be awarded tokens of appreciation for their service during a program following the luncheon.

Despite this success, additional volunteers are needed. For specific ways you can assist (whether it be in the gift shop, garden, or with tours and programming), please see volunteer opportunities on page 4.



Maryland has been a leader among the states in establishing a program of forest conservation, and out of that forest conservation initiative, Maryland's system of state parks emerged almost immediately. Join us as we celebrate the Maryland Forestry and Parks Centennial, recognizing the accomplishments and milestones made over the past one hundred years. For more information, visit the web at <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/centennial/>.



Friends Continue String Of Successful Fundraisers

Many employees and visitors stopped by to purchase plants and buy special gifts for Mother on May 10. The occasion was the Spring/ Mother's Day plant sale sponsored by Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc. A variety of plants were sold including bedding plants (annuals), vegetables, and hanging baskets. In addition, floral arrangements, charming birdhouses, and themed baskets were especially packaged as Mother's Day gifts. The plant sale was set up outside the lobby providing the event with a lovely garden backdrop.



What's in Bloom

(July –September)
Assorted annuals including Impatiens. Black-eyed Susans, daylilies, False Dragonhead, and fountain grass among the perennials. Native wildflowers. Water lilies of various colors.



Registration Information

For information about events or to register for programs, please call the garden staff at 410-260-8185 or 410-260-8183.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.

Participants will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received to guarantee priority seating.

Refund Policy: Payment is due as soon after registration as possible. If a program is canceled, you will be notified and receive a full refund.

Checks should be made payable to the Department of Natural Resources and sent to the following address:

Tawes State Office Building, E-3
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

If you choose to cancel your registration for an event, you must notify the garden staff at least five days before the date of the event. Refunds will be granted only if a replacement is available from the waiting list.

AUGUST

Scales & Tall Tales

DNR's Scales & Tales staff

This live animal program will help you gain a better appreciation of the folklore of Native American wildlife.

Demonstration

Ages 6 and up.

Friday, August 25

11:00 a.m.

\$ 2/child. [no charge for adults]

Registration required.

Meet in lobby of Tawes Building, Annapolis.



Noontime Concerts & Tours

featuring the light classic rock of

Sparks & McCoy

Wednesday, September 6

Followed by guided garden walk

featuring clarinet, flute & bassoon of

Crosswinds

Wednesday, September 13

Followed by guided garden walk

featuring the nationally-recognized jazz of

Rob Levit Trio

Wednesday, September 20

Followed by guided garden walk

featuring keyboard, harmonica & vocals of

Pete Louis & Co.

Wednesday, September 27

Followed by guided garden walk

FREE.

Garden Terrace

In case of inclement weather, concerts are cancelled.

Concert series is sponsored by Friends of Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden, Inc.

Tawes Garden Gift Shop

20TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

20 percent off all merchandise, except stamps

Monday, September 11 –

Friday, September 22

Stumped on what to get someone? Consider a gift certificate from the shop!!

Tawes State Office Building lobby, Annapolis, Maryland

Cash, personal checks, Visa/ Mastercard

(please make checks payable to Department of Natural Resources or simply DNR)

Hours: Monday –Friday, 9 'til 3 (except State holidays)

SEPTEMBER

Discover Nature

Erika Grumbach, Naturalist

An opportunity to experience the natural world through a seasonal craft, nature story and walk through the garden.

Children's Program

Ages 3-5 (with an adult)

Thursday, September 28

10:30 a.m.

\$ 1/child.

Registration required.

Meet in lobby of Tawes Building, Annapolis.